

Theme: How To Cultivate The Miraculous In The Local Church
Topic: A Holy Nation

I Peter 2:9

“You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation . . .”

I. Holiness Prepares us for Worship

1. True worshippers are separated from sin.

Sow a thought, reap an act. Sow an act, reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character. Sow a character, reap a lifestyle. Sow a lifestyle, reap a destiny.

2. True worshippers are consecrated to God.

Hebrews 12:14 “Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”

3. True worshippers have a pure heart.

Isaiah 66:1 “Heaven in my throne and the earth is my footstool, where is the house you will build for me?”

Habbakkuk 2:20 But the Lord is in His holy temple.

II. As we enter into the Holy of Holies...

- a. We draw near with faith.

Hebrews 10:22 “...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.”

b. We hold on with hope.

Hebrews 10:23 “...let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” You see, a true worshipper is not spiritual perfect. But he is one who when he falls, he gets back up. He doesn't stay down.

Proverbs 24:16 “for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again.”

c. We stir up with love.

Hebrews 10:24 “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

Matthew 22:11-13 “But when the king came in to see his guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes? The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, ‘tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Revelation 19:7-8 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)